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SUBJECT

Application from Miss E A Gow for the post of Lady Superintendent of the Maharani Girls School, Mysore

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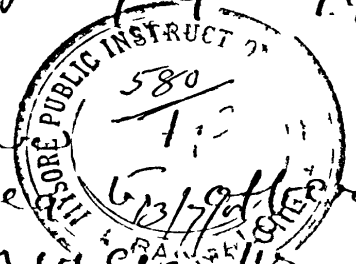
Khurshaed Manzil
Lucknow
July 9th 1900



Dear Sir,
I beg to offer
my services for the
duties of Head
Mistress of the
Maharanee Girls'
School Mysore
In addition to
Considerable experience
I have special
qualifications for

I have the honour
to enclose, herewith
of my testimonials
Should I be fortunate
enough to obtain
the post I would,
endeavour to
fulfil, the duties
of the post of
my ability.
I beg to remain
Yours faithfully,
A. A Lobo

J H Bhabha Esquire
Inspector General of Education
Mysore

BALLIOL COLLEGE

OXFORD

Jul 4th 189[illegible]

Miss Edith A Go[illegible] was a pupil in the Bishop Cotton's Schools College Bangalore, when I was Warden there

She was afterwards Head Mistress of the Girls' School department and much valued

I have known her from her childhood and esteem her highly

In thoroughness, energy and tact in capacity for assimilating and communicating knowledge and in general ability for educational work she is - in my experience - unequalled

C U POPE, M A, D D

Chaplain of Balliol, sometime
Fellow of The Madras University

BANGALORE,

August 4th 1897.

This is to certify that Miss Edith A Gow was Head Mistress of Bishop Cotton's Girls' school from June 1881 to December 1895, and that the way in which she conducted the school during that time was approved of by the Committee and by the Government Inspector

In the Higher Examination for Women she succeeded in passing fifty-five girls, during the period mentioned above

A matriculation class was under her charge for one year only, and she succeeded in passing one girl out of two sent up

DONALD ROBERTSON

President in Mysore and President

Bishop Cottons Schools and College

J W CASSELS, Hon Sec

GIRTON COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE
July 6th 1897

I have much pleasure in testifying to the satisfactory nature of Miss E A Gow's career as a student of this College

Miss Gow entered in 1894 and has this year taken the Examination for Part I of the Mathematical Tripos and passed in Honours

She has conformed, as far as in the judgement of the College, seemed practicable, to all the conditions imposed by the University on its members, and would no , but for her sex, be a B A of Cambridge and entitled to proceed in due course to the M A degree

Miss Gow was an intelligent and diligent student and a very pleasant inmate of the College I have formed a high opinion of her character and disposition, and I believe that she would make a valuable member of the staff of a School She has been much liked and respected by her fellow-students, and her genial manners and great consideration for others would, I have little doubt, make her popular with all with whom she came in contact

She would have, I consider, a particularly good influence over young people, and I am sure that she would discharge most conscientiously the duties of any post to which she might be appointed

E WELSH

MISTRESS

GIRTON COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE
June 22nd 1897

Miss I A.Gordon was my pupil during a great part of her three years at Girton

Not having studied in England, and being unacquainted with the requirements of the Cambridge Honour course, she was at a considerable disadvantage, but she worked steadily and thoroughly, and in June of this year obtained honours in the Mathematical Tripos Besides the knowledge of Mathematics obtained at Cambridge, she has also, by mixing with other students, educated at English Schools, gained an acquaintance with the methods of education adopted by English High Schools for Girls, which she will find extremely useful in India, and which, added to her previous experience in teaching should make her of great use in either teaching or in organising

I feel sure that she will most conscientiously perform any duties allotted to her, and that she will endeavour to assert a beneficial influence on any girls who may be placed in her charge

E [illegible]

(Resident Lecturer in Mathematics
Girton College

CAIUS COLLEGE,

CAMBRIDGE
July 22nd 1897

Miss F A Go/, who has just completed her career at Girton with Honours in the Cambridge Mathematical Tripos has asked me for a Testimonial of her fitness to undertake educational /ork amongst native girls in India I have much pleasure in stating that having lectured Miss Go/ for several terms /hile she was preparing for the Mathematical Tripos I believe her /ell qualified for the /ork she proposes to undertake The training she has had here in Mathematics will no doubt be useful to her in other branches of education I feel sure she /ould be found a successful and efficient teacher and /ould perform conscientiously any duties she might make herself responsible for.

C.GRAHAM, M A.
Late Fello/ of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

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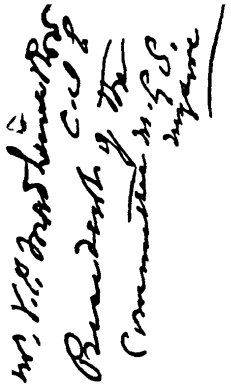
I have much pleasure
in stating that
have a very high
opinion of Mrs. E Gow
whom I have known
for many years
As Head Mistress
of Bishop Cotton's
High School for
Girls in Bangalore
she held a very
high reputation
for ability, tact,
firmness, gentleness

Head Mistress of a
Government Train
-ing School
Her degree was
honours at the
Cambridge Univers
and certificate
obtained at the
Training School
she attributed to
to her intellectual
capacity, She would
be an acquisition
to the Education
Department of



Bangalore
10th August

My dear Sir,

I am desired by the Commissioner to send you the Enclosed 2 Dys from the Residency re Mess Sow for circulation among

THE RESIDENT MYSORE

BANGALORE

27th July 1910

Dear Madhava Rao

At the request of Colonel Robertson I send you a copy of the accompanying letter from Mr R G Hardy, officiating Chief Secretary to the Government of the North West Provinces and of Colonel Robertson's reply

I also enclose a copy of a letter from Miss Gow She enclosed a printed slip containing a good testimonial from Sir James Lyall, but it appears to have dropped off

Yours sincerely

Dobbs

V P Madhava Rao Esquire, C I E,
President of the Maharani's
Girls School Committee

THE RESIDENT
MYSORE

BANGALORE
5th August 1890

Dear Madhava Rao

In continuation of my letter of the 27th ultimo I send herewith, at Colonel Robertson's request, a copy of a further letter received from Mr R G Hurdy Officiating Chief Secretary to the Government of the North West Provinces, regarding Miss Gow who is an applicant for the Principalship of the Maharani's Girls' -- School

Yours sincerely

V P Madhava Rao Esquire, C I E,

THE RESIDENT MYSORE

BANGALORE

Copy of demi official letter dated 11th July 1900 from Mr R G Hardy

I understand from Miss Gow, the Lady Principal of the Girls Martiniere Lucknow that she is desirous of applying for the vacancy existing in the Maharani's Girls School at Mysore I have known Miss Gow for over two years, and as Commissioner of Lucknow am an ex-officio Governor of the School I consider her capable and sympathetic teacher; though born in this country she has been educated at Newnham and is, as far as I can judge, free from the faults and weaknesses common among those whose education has been carried on solely in this country Miss Gow will no doubt adduce evidence of her professional capabilities and I will not dwell on them I wrote simply to ask you to kindly take her claims into consideration and to bear testimony to her high character and the good tone and effect of her teaching

Copy

Copy of Colonel Robertson's reply to Mr Hardy's D O

I have received your letter of the 11th July about Miss Gow who has also written to me A copy of your letter is now going to the President of the Maharani's Girls School The Director of Public Instruction in Mysore recently spoke to me about Miss Gow and her suitability for the appointment of Principal of the Girls School here which will I believe be vacant in October next I then advised that this lady be given a trial for, say, six months if she could arrange to vacate her present appointment for that period The difficulty in her case is entirely a social one It is desirable that the Principal should mix as of right in the general society of the place, but Miss Gow's relations in this State though eminently respectable are not on the list of those asked to social functions at either the Palace or the Residency The position for her would consequently be one of some delicacy and I am not sure that it would be altogether to her liking -- unless she were asked to, say, the Palace Garden Parties, her influence amongst her pupils might suffer On the other hand she might not care to be exalted above her relations If you feel inclined to do so you might possibly be able to put this to her ~~without~~ without giving

offence

Copy of Miss- Gow's letter

I have applied for the post of Head Mistress of the Maharani's Girls School, Mysore, and although I have not the privilege of knowin you I am venturing to ask your support on the round th t I was well thou ht of b one of your predecessors in office- Sir James Lyall

He was extremely ood to me when I was in England and it was partly throu h his agency that I obtained my present post I should hope to justify our recommendation b zealous and conscientious work

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Registrar

Copy of Colonel Robertson's reply to Mr Hardy's D O

I have received your letter of the 11th July about [illegible] who has also written to me A copy of your letter is now sent to the President of the Wharncliffe Girls School The Director of Public Instruction in Mysore recently spoke to me about Miss Gow and her suitability for the appointment of Principal of the Girls School here which will I believe become vacant in October next & then advised that this lady be invited for, say, six months if she could arrange to vacate her present post for that period The difficulty in her case is a social one It is desirable that the Principal should mix freely in the general society of the place but Miss Gow's relations in this State though eminently respectable do not on the whole stand to social functions together with the position of the Residency The position for her would be a delicate one and I am not sure that it would be altogether to her liking -- unless she were asked to, say, the Residency Parties, her influence amongst her pupils might suffer On the other hand she might not care to be excluded by her relations If you feel inclined to do so you might possibly be able to put this to her ~~without~~ intimating

offence

Copy of Miss- Gow's letter

I have applied for the post of Head Mistress of the Maharani's Girls School, Mysore, and although I have not the privilege of knowing you, I am venturing to ask your support on the ground that I was well thought of by one of our predecessors in office- Sir James Lyall

He was extremely good to me when I was in England and it was partly through his agency that I obtained my present post I should hope to justify your recommendation by zealous and conscientious work

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Mysore

Registrar

AS

THE RESIDENT MYSORE

BANGALORE

Copy of letter dated the 28th July 1900, from Mr A G Hardy, Officiating Chief Secretary to the Government of the North West Provinces to the Resident in Mysore

I am much obliged to you for your letter, and thought it best to let Miss Gow know how the case stood She does not think the difficulty an insuperable, or even a serious one Her ties with her family are she says sufficiently strong to stand the strain, and in the town of Mysore itself, where her work would be she does not anticipate any difficulty

She is a sensible woman, and if her people are equally sensible, there should not be much trouble However this, and other questions, would perhaps be best settled by Miss Gow having a trial, and she is prepared to accept that risk of an appointment on probation

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Sanders
Registrar